



Monday, April 15, 2024

MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

7:00 p.m.

Riverview JRSR High School Library

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Detailed agenda can be found on website: rsd.k12.pa.us

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject	A. Call to Order
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm
(delayed due to some technical difficulties)

CITIZENS PRESENT:

Talia Groenwynck: 618 Pennsylvania Ave. Oakmont
Michele Harden: 860 11th St. Oakmont
Callie Harden: 860 11th St. Oakmont
Gianna Portera: 501 12th St. Oakmont
Melissa McFadden: 821 11th St. Oakmont
Evelyn McFadden: 821 11th St. Oakmont
Matilda Auxier: 406 California Ave. Oakmont
Jonathan Auxier: 406 California Ave. Oakmont

Subject	B. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Subject	C. Roll Call
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Mrs. Chaparro:	Present	Mr. Pogoda:	Present
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Mrs. Garibay:	Remote	Ms. Schuetz:	Present
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Mr. Hawk:	Remote	Ms. Seery:	Present
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Ms. Jacobs-Rohan:	Present	Mrs. Wilton:	Present
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Mr. Paris:	Present
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2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON

Subject	A. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve the past meeting minutes:

Motion to approve:

1. Study Session Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2024
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2024

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion: Mr. Paris made a motion to table meeting minutes until May and motion was second by Ms. Seery. All in favor.

Vote: Null and void on the original motion.

Item was tabled due to a glitch with the attachment

Subject	B. Treasurer's Report
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Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

2B. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented:

General Fund: February 2024 & March 2024

Food Service: February 2024 & March 2024

Capital Reserve Fund: February 2024 & March 2024

Student Activities: March 2024

Pa. Municipal - Delinquent EIT Collections: March 2024

Real Estate Tax Summary: March 2024

Keystone Collections Group: EIT Collections - March 2024

LST Collections - March 2024

Approval of Bills - Fund 10 - \$ 748,218.60

Motion: Ms. Wilton

Second: Mr. Paris

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Subject	A. Remarks from the President
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Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
Access	Public
Type	Information

President Chaparro started: Thank you for being here tonight, happy spring outside. Great to be heading into the final stretch of school year with many activities. sports/prom/activities/etc. best to all the students/staff/teachers/admin to make it all happen.

4. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	4. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Access	Public
Type	Information

At each open Board meeting, prior to official action by the Board, an opportunity shall be provided for public comment in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy.

Visitors are requested to state their name and address prior to comment.

A maximum time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker has been set.

File Attachments

[903 Public Policy in Board Meetings.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton

Subject	A. Approval of Business and Finance Items: Contracts & Agreements
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the following business and finance items as presented:

5A: Motion to approve the following contracts/agreements subject to final review and approval of the solicitor:

1. Confidential Student Settlement Agreement CSA2324-001 with Learn Well for Student X.
2. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) - IDEA - Part B Use of Funds Agreement for 2024-2025.
3. AIU - Notice of Adoption of Agreement of Approved LEA policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by Riverview School District.
4. Policy Maintenance Agreement between Riverview School District and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
5. Solicitor reappointment for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years with Maiello, Brungo, & Maiello.

6. Lease Agreement renewal between Riverview School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) on behalf of the Preschool Early Intervention Program at Verner Elementary School for classrooms. Agreement will commence July 1, 2024 and remain in effect until June 30, 2027.

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Mr. Paris

Discussion: none

Vote: passed unanimously

Subject	B. Approval of Business and Finance Items: Work Order Proposals
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Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	

5B.Motion to approve the following pay applications in conjunction with the Riverview Capital Improvement Project:

1. Merit Electrical Pay App #11, Merit Electrical Group, Inc.: \$44,287.44

Motion: Mr. Paris

Second: Mr. Pogoda

Discussion: none

Vote: Passed unanimously

6. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - STUDENT LIFE - Mr. Pogoda

Subject	A. Approval of Student Life Items:
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	6. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - STUDENT LIFE - Mr. Pogoda
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended
Action

Approval of Student Life Items:

6A: Approval of Student Life items as presented below:

1. Participation in the Academic Games Leagues of America, Inc. National Tournament to be held: April 18, 2024 - April 23, 2024 in Atlanta, GA, under the direction of Dr. Michael McNally.

Motion: Ms. Jacobs-Rohan

Second: Ms. Wilton

Discussion: Good luck to the kids and thank you

Vote: Passed unanimously

7. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - EDUCATION - Ms. Schuetz

Subject	A. Approval of Education Items:
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	7. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - EDUCATION - Ms. Schuetz
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve Education Items

7A.: Motion to approve Education items as listed below:

1. Acceptance of student at Riverview Jr-Sr High School through the placement services of the EXPEDIS Program for the first 9 weeks of the 2024 – 2025 school year pending receipt of all registration requirements.
2. Affiliation Agreement renewal between Riverview School District and Duquesne University for a 5 year period June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2029 for student educational experiences offered by the District.

Motion: Mr. Paris

Second: Ms. Chaparro

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

8. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Ms. Chaparro

Subject	A. Approval of Board Governance items: MOU
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Category	8. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

8A: Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pertaining to M2224-014 for Summer Schedule between Riverview School District and Riverview Education Support Professionals Association (RESPA).
- 2.

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Mr. Paris

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro

Subject	A. Approval of Personnel items: Employment
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Personnel items as presented:

9A: Motion for approval of Personnel items as presented:

1. An Article XI, Section (e) Sabbatical leave for Jennifer Harvey for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Unpaid leave according to Board Policy 339 for the following paraprofessional:
 - a. Jenny Mendez uncompensated days: April 18th, 19th, 22nd, & 23rd, 2024, in order to accompany son to the National Academic Games.
 - b. Kelli Matthews
3. The 2024 Volunteer Coaches, as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements:
 - a. Jayvin Turner - Football
 - b. Miya Tominello - Junior High Volleyball
 - c. Maura Laird - Junior High Volleyball
4. The 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Supplemental Position, as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements:
 - a. Jennifer Miller - Volleyball Head Coach

5. The 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Supplemental Position, as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements:
 - a. Dre Corbin - Basketball Head Coach
6. The following individual(s) as bus driver/van driver/aide with Allegheny Transportation Services for the 2023-2024 school year pending any certification requirements:
 - a. Daniel Kessler
7. The approval of the change of status to permanent for Joseph Grieco as Computer Technician after successfully completing the probationary period.
8. The following teaching/paraprofessional/nurse positions for the 2024 summer Extended School Year Program:
 - a. Teachers: Ms. Maisto, Ms. Stites, Mr. MacConnell, Ms. Weigand (substitute)
 - b. Nurse: Ms. Kadylak, Ms. Matthews (substitute)
 - c. Paraprofessionals: Ms. McMahon, Ms. Dambrosia, Ms. Proctor, Ms. Yorio, Ms. Murphy-Holsing, Ms. Black, Ms. Molly Kennedy
9. Individuals as substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and nurses with Precision HR Solutions Inc. for the 2024 – 2025 school year pending any certification requirements, as detailed below:
 - a. Bridget Johnson - Emergency Permit
10. Approval of the Riverview School District Act 93 Plan effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Mr. Paris

Discussion: Asked what reason was for unpaid days, and question regarding coaches and years. Ms. Chaparro stated grateful for all positions and thank you Mr. Corbin for being here tonight.

Vote: Passed unanimously

Executive Content

10. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
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Type Information

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Students from Tenth Street Elementary, Talia Groenvynck, Evelyn McFadden, and Matilda Auxier read and presented their request for the discontinuation of Styrofoam Cups and Trays in our Schools. Letter and signed petition will be attached to the minutes for public review. Concern is the environmental impact and health concerns. Looking for an alternative.

Students were thanked for coming and bringing it to the attention of the board.

Business Manager Ms. Lubert stated to meet with Food Services and work on finding a solution and will follow up.

File Attachments
[903 Public Policy in Board Meetings.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Subject	A. Finance Delegate Report
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
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Access	Public
Type	

Budget - Sheila is putting things together and committee will meet in a couple of weeks.

Subject	B. Student Life Delegate Report
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Category	11. DELEGATE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	

Administrative File Attachments
[Student Life Updates 4 15 24.pdf \(161 KB\)](#)

Subject	C. Education Delegate Report
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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Administrative File Attachments
[4 15 24 Education Delegate Report.pdf \(130 KB\)](#)

Subject D. Safety Delegate Report

Meeting Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Administrative File Attachments
[Safety Committee 3.21.24.pdf \(41 KB\)](#)

Subject E. Communications and Marketing Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Administrative File Attachments
[Riverview Athletics Online Art Branding Guide.pdf \(14,025 KB\)](#)
[Communication & Marketing RSD Board Notes April-15-24.pdf \(83 KB\)](#)

Subject F. Forbes Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Administrative File Attachments

[Forbes CTC Committee report April 15.pdf \(106 KB\)](#)**Subject** **G. Legislative Delegate Report**

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Administrative File Attachments

[Final Legislative Delegation 4-15-2024.pdf \(181 KB\)](#)**Subject** **H. Eastern Area Delegate Report**

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Meeting on March 28, only one school that hadn't signed jointure agreement yet but will find out in a week or two.

Dr. English and Sheila are making 5 year plan.

12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Subject **A. Solicitors Report from Falco Muscante**

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Category 12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Administration is working on contract issues and personnel matters. Working on retirement package with one member of personnel.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject **A. Executive Session**

Meeting Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

Category	13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	

*An executive session was held beginning at 6:30 pm, to discuss legal matters and to receive information on April 15, 2024.

Next meeting will be a Study Session, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the JRSR High School Library.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting	Apr 15, 2024 - MINUTES April 15, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Paris

Adjournment: 8:16 pm

Next meeting is a Study Session on May 6, 2024 at the Riverview JRSR High School Library at 7:00 pm.

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Subject: Request for the Discontinuation of Styrofoam Cups and Trays in Our School

Dear Dr. English & Dr. Zolkowski,

We hope this letter finds you well. Our names are Talia Groenvynck and Taylor Katsaros, and we are in 4th grade at Tenth Street Elementary School. We are writing to express our concern about the school's use of Styrofoam (polystyrene) cups and trays in the cafeteria and at school events. We respectfully request that our school consider discontinuing the use of Styrofoam products in favor of more sustainable and healthier alternatives.

****Environmental Impact****

Styrofoam is nonbiodegradable, which means it does not break down or decompose for hundreds of years. This contributes to landfill overflow and environmental pollution. Additionally, Styrofoam is made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource, and its production is both energy-intensive and releases significant amounts of greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

****Health Concerns****

Studies have shown that styrene, a component of polystyrene, can leach into food and beverages, especially when the food is hot, containing fat, or acidic. According to the National Toxicology Program and the International Agency for Research on Cancer, styrene is classified as a possible human carcinogen, raising concerns about its safety, especially for children and staff who are exposed to it regularly.

****Wildlife & Marine Life****

Styrofoam products are lightweight and can easily be carried by wind and water into natural environments, posing a threat to wildlife and marine life. Animals can mistake Styrofoam for food, leading to ingestion that can cause internal blockages, starvation, and death. The breakdown of Styrofoam into microplastics further pollutes waterways and oceans, affecting aquatic life and the quality of the water we eventually consume.

****Alternative****

There are numerous environmentally friendly alternatives to Styrofoam, including products made from recycled paper, bamboo, and cornstarch, all of which are biodegradable and compostable. These alternatives, while sometimes slightly more costly, represent an investment in our health, environment, and future sustainability.

In light of these concerns, we kindly urge our school to consider phasing out the use of Styrofoam cups and trays. This change would not only demonstrate our commitment to the health and safety of the students and staff, but it also sets a precedent for environmental responsibility and sustainability within our community.

Thank you for considering this important issue. We are eager to assist in any way possible to help facilitate this transition, including research on cost-effective alternatives or helping to communicate this change to our school community.

Warm regards,

Talia Groenvynck & Taylor Katsaros

Tenth Street Elementary School

Credits to Evelyn McFadden, Madeline Labrador, Gwennyth Wynkoop, Reya Hammond, Matilda Auxier, Saylor Dinkelaker, and everyone else that supports this movement.